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HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

January to May 1971

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Councillor Mrs. W.H. Hay
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May to December 1971

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ETON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure once again in presenting the Annual Report for the Urban District of Eton, this time for the year 1971.

I think that there are no matters to which I would particularly draw your attention and which are not the subject of comment or tabulation in the following pages. As I have mentioned before, when small numbers are involved, great care must be taken not to make statistical conclusions which are not valid.

Mr. Humphreys, who is not only your Public Health Inspector, but also, from February 1971, your Housing Officer, has, as usual, given a very concise and interesting account of the work which is done to make sure that the environment of the district enables the inhabitants to live a healthy life and I know that he will join with me in expressing appreciation to the Members of the Council and their Committees for the support which they have given us throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

MACDONALD A. CHARRETT

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	993 acres
Number of inhabited houses at 1.4.71.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,571
Rateable value at 1.4.71.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£205,065
Product of Penny Rate 1971/2 (estimated)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,795
Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,180

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

					<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	19	15	34
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
					<hr/> 20	<hr/> 15	<hr/> 35

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Population ... 5.6

Corrected Birth Rate (allowing for sex and age of the population) ... 7.6

Comparability Factor ... 1.12

National Rate ... 16.0

Ratio of local adjusted rate to National Rate ... 0.48 : 1

Illegitimate births were 5% of total Live Births.

Still Births

					<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
					<hr/> -	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 1

Total of Live and Still Births ... 36

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total births ... 28.0

National Rate per 1,000 total births ... 12.0

Stillbirths per 1,000 population ... 0.19

Peri-Natal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths	-	-	-
Stillbirths	-	1	1
	-	1	1

Peri-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live and
stillbirths ... 28.0

National Rate 22.0

Neo-Natal Mortality

(Deaths of infants under four weeks of age)

NIL

Infant Mortality

(Deaths of infants under one year)

NIL

Maternal Deaths

(Number of women dying in, or as a consequence of
pregnancy)

NIL

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Number of deaths	11	18	29
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Crude death rate per 1,000 population	5.6
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Corrected death rate - allowing for sex and age (Comparability factor - 1.45)	8.1
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National Death rate	11.6
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Ratio of corrected Death Rate to National	...	0.69 : 1	
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CAUSES OF DEATH during 1971

	1971			1970
	Male	Female	Total	
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	-	-	-	1
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm Intestine	1	1	2	-
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Bronchus	1	-	1	4
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm Breast	-	1	1	3
B19(8) Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	-	-	-	1
B19(9) Malignant Neoplasm Prostate	-	-	-	1
B19(11) Other malignant Neoplasms	1	-	1	-
B23 Anaemias	-	-	-	1
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	-	2	-
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	4	5	9	8
B29 Other forms of Heart Disease	-	1	1	1
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	-	1	1	3
B46(6) Other diseases of Circulatory System	1	2	3	-
B32 Pneumonia	-	3	3	4
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	2	2	-
B46(7) Other diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1	-
B36 Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	1	1	-
B46(11) Diseases of musculo skeletal system	-	1	1	-
	11	18	29	27

DEATHS - 1971 - AGE AND SEX CLASSIFICATION

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 wks under 1 yr.	1-4 years	5-14 years	15-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65-74 years	75 & over
B19(4) Malignant neoplasm Intestine	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B19(6) Malignant neoplasm Lung, Bronchus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(7) Malignant neoplasm Breast	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
B19(11) Other malignant neoplasms	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B29 Other forms of Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(6) Other disease of circulatory system	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
B32 Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(7) Other diseases of respiratory system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B36 Intestinal obstruction and Hernia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(11) Diseases of musculo- skeletal system	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	2
	F	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	10
Total all causes													

Sex and Age Distribution of Deaths

Ages at Death in Years	Males	Females	Total
Under 1	-	-	-
1 - 4	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-
45 - 64	5	3	8
65 - 74	4	5	9
75 plus	2	10	12
Total	11	18	29

Principal Causes of Death	1970	1971
Heart Disease	9	12
Diseases of respiratory system	4	6
Cancer	10	5
Diseases of circulatory system	3	4

POPULATION

Year	Natural Increase (births less deaths)	Immigration or Emigration (-)	Population
1962	48	-28	5450
1963	17	-357	5110
1964	44	136	5290
1965	31	-21	5300
1966	31	-31	5300
1967	18	-18	5300
1968	11	109	5420
1969	-6	-44	5370
1970	9	-99	5280
1971	6	-106	5180

IMMUNISATION

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Primary Diptheria	14	19	10
Primary Tetanus	36	21	69
Primary Diptheria/Tetanus	13	12	3
Primary Diptheria/Whooping Cough/ Tetanus (Triple)	49	31	37
Primary Measles	5	36	13
Primary Poliomyelitis	37	30	37
Boosters - Tetanus	17	165	125
Diptheria	162)		
Diptheria/Tetanus	37)	217	252
Triple	31)		
Poliomyelitis	-	1	-

PRIMARY PROTECTION

Diptheria	76	62	50
Whooping Cough	48	31	37
Tetanus	98	64	109
Measles	5	36	13
Poliomyelitis	37	30	37

Figures for Poliomyelitis and Measles refer to children born between 1968 - 1971.

N.B. Vaccination against Smallpox is not shown in these tables as it is no longer offered as a routine procedure in early childhood.

TUBERCULOSIS

Notification Register

No cases of tuberculosis were added to or removed from the Register during 1971.

The total number on the Register at 31st December 1971 was as follows:-

Pulmonary	2
Non-Pulmonary	1
(Bladder)	

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Measles	6
Infective Jaundice..	1

Monthly Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Measles	1	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Analysis of Notifiable Diseases in Age Groups

	Ages in Years of Cases Notified											
	Under 1 yr.	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	3 - 4 years	4 - 5 years	5 - 10 years	10-15 years	15-25 years	25-35 years	35-45 years	45-65 years	Over 65
Measles	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Notifiable Diseases in Eton

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Measles

1

Infective Jaundice

Notifiable Diseases in Eton Wick

Prevalence and Control of Infectious Disease

Cases notified during the years 1962-1971

	Cases notified and Population in thousands										
	1971 5	1970 5	1969 5	1968 5	1967 5	1966 5	1965 5	1964 5	1963 5	1962 5	
Dysentery	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Infective Jaundice	1	-	1	1	Not previously notifiable						
Measles	6	43	41	8	45	13	118	1	141	14	
Paratyphoid	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	
Tuberculosis (Non Pulmonary)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	-	1	3	3	1	4	1	

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRE

Maternity and Child Welfare

The Eton child welfare clinic has continued to be held at the Doctors' surgery in Eton Square.

Twice monthly clinics have been held at Eton Wick village hall throughout the year.

Family Planning Clinics.

The Slough Family Planning Clinic, serving Eton as well as Slough, has continued to be very active and finds its services are in ever greater demand. The Local Health Authority has a duty to encourage the use of such clinics and make contributions towards their expenses if, indeed, they do not provide the service themselves. So far as this area is concerned, the clinic is a very good and forward looking one and it has been considered better to allow the previous administrative arrangements to remain and for payment to be made to the voluntary organisation running it.

Cervical Cytology

The clinic continues to be held twice monthly at Burlington Road, Slough for women over 35 and for younger women who have been recommended by their family doctor.

Venereal Diseases Clinics

Clinics are held at the following hospitals:-

King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, Berks.,
Hillingdon Hospital, Hillingdon, Middsx.,
Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Berks.,

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DRAINAGE AND SANITATION

Inspections were carried out following complaints concerning obstructed and defective drainage.

Testing and supervision of remedied work was also carried out.

Following television inspection which revealed defects on one section of Eton Town Sewer a new section of sewer was laid and new connections made.

No new connections have been made to the public sewer during the year and there are still some thirteen properties served by cesspools.

Sewage has continued to be disposed of by arrangement with the Slough Borough Council through their Cippenham Water Pollution Control Works via pumping stations at Eton and Eton Wick.

WATER SUPPLY

All premises in the area have a piped water supply from the Middle Thames Water Board and an adequate supply of water for all purposes has been maintained.

Regular sampling has been carried out by the Middle Thames Water Board and copies of their reports supplied to the Council. All reports have proved satisfactory throughout the year. Samples submitted for chemical and bacteriological analysis were satisfactory.

There are two swimming baths in the area situated at Eton Wick Primary School and Eton College. Monthly samples and tests were taken and all proved satisfactory.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

A regular weekly collection service has been maintained throughout the year from all domestic premises.

The Council continues to collect refuse from trade premises and in most cases refuse is collected on a twice weekly basis.

All refuse is disposed of at the pulverising plant at Slough except during maintenance periods, when disposal is by way of controlled tipping at Hollow Hill Tip, Iver.

Additional waste material was collected and disposed of by the placing of bulk storage containers within the District, these being freely available for residents to dispose of excess material and bulky furniture. Approximately 1750 cubic yards of material was disposed of in this way.

PEST CONTROL

The bulk of pest control work in the area is concerned with the destruction of rats and mice, but the destruction of other pests, mainly wasps, has been undertaken.

All reported cases of infestation by rodents have been successfully treated. Some difficulty continues to arise with infestations of mice and once again the advice of Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was sought and followed with good results.

Routine inspection and treatment has been carried out at the Council's sewage pumping stations and balancing tank.

Test baiting of sewers has continued and results have proved negative. An exemption period granted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has been renewed.

Thirteen complaints of wasps were received and treatment carried out.

A charge is made for pest control.

HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Five applications for Standard Improvement Grant were received and approved, and on completion, grants totalling £846 were paid.

One application was received for Discretionary Grant for which £810 was paid.

The number of amenities provided with the aid of grants was as follows:-

<u>Wash Hand Basin</u>	<u>Bath</u>	<u>Hot Water</u>	<u>W.C. Indoors</u>	<u>Sink</u>
6	6	6	6	1

During the year the Council completed a pilot improvement scheme to a pre-war house, which will attract an annual contribution of £28.50 for twenty years.

COUNCIL HOUSING

Inspections were carried out for the purpose of ascertaining defects on change of tenancy and in connection with insanitary conditions and rodent control.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

This Act makes provision for the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in offices and shops. The Act follows the pattern of the Factories Acts and the enforcement of it is divided between a number of Authorities according to the premises.

H.M. Inspector of Factories is responsible for enforcing the general provisions in premises occupied by Local Authorities together with offices in factories, whilst the Local Authorities enforce the general provisions in most other premises. The fire provisions of the Act are enforced by the Fire Authorities.

Routine general inspections have been carried out during the year. Minor contraventions were dealt with at the time of inspection.

Accidents Section 48 of the Act requires notification of any accident which occurs in premises subject to the provisions of the Act. No accidents have occurred during the year.

The following table sets out the class of premises, the number of registrations and the number of persons employed:-

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Number Registered</u>	<u>Employees</u>	
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Offices	21	50	40
Retail Shops	36	25	42
Wholesale Shops - Warehouses	Nil		
Catering Establishments	11	16	27
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil		
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	68	91	109
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FOOD PREMISES

The work of maintaining the standard of clean food handling in the Urban District is effected by advice on the basic principles of food hygiene to persons engaged in food premises, given during the course of routine inspections of the structure of those premises and the equipment used. The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations provide the basis for this work. In addition, assistance is given on the selection of equipment for kitchens etc.,

There are 66 premises on which food is prepared and sold, the type of business being divided as follows:-

Grocer and General Stores	6
Licensed Premises	11
Cafes and Restaurants	8
College Kitchens	26
Butchers	3
Bakers and Confectioners	2
Bakehouses	1

Sweets and Ice Cream, Tobacconists	6
Greengrocers	2
Summer Stalls	1

No slaughtering is carried out in the Urban District.

FACTORIES

Details of the number of factories in the area and inspections made are set out in the table below.

No action was necessary during the year arising from inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	28	14
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	-	
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	-	

OUTWORKERS

One firm situated in the Urban District employs outworkers, but all the people so employed live outside the area.

